

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES B.A.



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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
- Residency: Last 30 credit hours of degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS

Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

- All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
- All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore Geography and Environmental Studies: [Home | Department of Geography & Environmental Studies \(uccs.edu\)](http://www.uccs.edu/department-of-geography-and-environmental-studies)

| Major Requirements | | | |
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| Geography & Environmental Studies Major (41 hours) | Course/Area | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 41 credit hours of GES course work. • Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) GES course work. • All GES courses must have a grade of "C-" or better. | GES 1000 | Environmental Systems: Climate and Vegetation | 4 |
| | GES 1010 | Environmental Systems: Landforms and Soils | 4 |
| | GES 1980 | World Regional Geography | 4 |
| | GES 1990 | Introduction to Human Geography | 4 |
| | Geography Directed Elective | <i>Complete one of the following:</i> GES 2050, 3030, or 3060 | 4 |
| | Geography Summit | <i>Complete one of the following:</i> GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 | 1-4 |
| | Electives | <i>Complete a minimum of 17 additional hours of GES coursework to meet total and upper-division (3000+ level) credit hour requirements for the major.</i> | 17-20 |
| | Senior Exit Exam | <i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.</i> | 0 |

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| General Education and Elective Requirements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Core Writing Requirement (6 hours) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>) ENGL 1410 PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reasoning Skills (3 hours) | See the degree audit for course options. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Core Humanities (3 hours) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural Sciences Lab (1 hour) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Degree Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oral Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Degree Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course may also fulfill general education or major requirements. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAS Language other than English Requirement | Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. <i>Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compass Curriculum (21 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major requirements Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gateway Program Seminar</td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses)</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigate</td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summit</td> <td>GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) See Degree Audit </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclusiveness (2 courses)</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GES 1980 GES 1990 </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>GES 1000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Component | Course | Gateway Program Seminar | GPS 1010 | Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses) | See Degree Audit | Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses) | See Degree Audit | Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses) | See Degree Audit | Navigate | HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) | Summit | GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 (included in major requirements) | Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) See Degree Audit | Inclusiveness (2 courses) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GES 1980 GES 1990 | Sustainability | GES 1000 |
| | Component | Course | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Gateway Program Seminar | GPS 1010 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses) | See Degree Audit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Inclusiveness (2 courses) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GES 1980 GES 1990 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sustainability | GES 1000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Electives (45 hours) | Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

| Year One | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|----------|---|--|-----------|---|--|-----------|
| | | | ENGL 1310 | 3 | | ENGL 1410 |
| | | GES 1980 | 4 | | GES 1000 | 4 |
| | | GPS 1010 | 3 | | Reasoning Skills Course (<i>INDS 1050</i>) | 3 |
| | | Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course | 3 | | Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course | 3 |
| | | General Elective | 3 | | General Elective | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 16 | | TOTAL | 16 |

| Year Two | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|----------|---|--|-----------|---|---|-----------|
| | | | GES 1990 | 4 | | GES 1010 |
| | | GES Elective | 3 | | GES Directed Elective | 4 |
| | | Explore – Physical & Natural World Course | 3 | | Explore – Physical & Natural World Course | 3 |
| | | Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course | 3 | | Natural Science Lab | 1 |
| | | Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course | 3 | | General Elective (<i>Writing Intensive</i>) | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 16 | | TOTAL | 15 |

| Year Three | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|------------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective | 4 | | UD GES Elective |
| | | UD GES Elective | 4 | | UD GES Elective | 3 |
| | | HUM 3990 | 3 | | General Elective | 3 |
| | | General Elective | 3 | | General Elective | 3 |
| | | | | | General Elective | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 14 | | TOTAL | 15 |

| Year Four | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|-----------|---|---------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | GES Summit Course | 1 | | UD General Elective |
| | | UD GES Elective | 3 | | UD General Elective | 3 |
| | | UD General Elective | 3 | | UD General Elective | 3 |
| | | UD General Elective | 4 | | UD General Elective | 4 |
| | | UD General Elective | 4 | | | |
| | | TOTAL | 15 | | TOTAL | 13 |